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ABSTRACT

Today, as the needs of libraries change and librarians face shrinking budgets, selecting the best periodicals from over 147,000 possibilities becomes ever more difficult. This guide simplifies the task by offering the guidance of 150 experts who have screened and evaluated the universe of periodicals to produce this annotated list of approximately 7,000 selections considered essential to a library's collection. The guide is also a valuable research tool for patrons searching for particular or more esoteric titles. The selections included represent the best and most useful publications for the average public, academic, special, and school library. Annotations for each magazine and journal listed give critical descriptions of the best general interest, scholarly, research, and commercial publications. Each numbered entry includes data such as: title; name and location of publisher; price; available formats (on-line, CD-ROM, tape); where publication may be indexed; ISSNs for easier acquisition; and recommendation by subject experts. Introductory sections provide instruction on using the guide and a list of abbreviations used. Periodicals are organized under 145 broad subject classifications, and a title and detailed subject index are provided. (MAS)

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